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- (a) This subtitle is statewide and exclusive in its effect.
- (b) (1) The Commission shall regulate the operation of video lottery terminals in accordance with this subtitle.
- (2) The Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency shall provide assistance to the Commission in the performance of the Commission's duties under this subtitle.
- (3) The Commission shall regulate the operation of table games in accordance with this subtitle.
- (c) (1) This subtitle authorizes the operation of video lottery terminals that are connected to a central monitor and control system owned or leased by the State that allows the Commission to monitor a video lottery terminal.
- (2) The Commission shall provide and operate a single central monitor and control system into which all licensed video lottery terminals must be connected.
 - (3) The central monitor and control system shall be capable of:
- (i) continuously monitoring, retrieving, and auditing the operations, financial data, and program information of all video lottery terminals;
- (ii) allowing the Commission to account for all money inserted in and payouts made from any video lottery terminal;
- (iii) disabling from operation or play any video lottery terminal as the Commission deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;
- (iv) supporting and monitoring a progressive jackpot system capable of operating one or more progressive jackpots; and
- (v) providing any other function that the Commission considers necessary.

- (4) The central monitor and control system shall employ a widely accepted gaming industry communications protocol to facilitate the ability of video lottery terminal manufacturers to communicate with the statewide system.
- (5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Commission may not allow a video lottery operation licensee to have access to, or obtain information from, the central monitor and control system.
- (ii) Only if the access does not in any way affect the integrity or security of the central monitor and control system, may the Commission allow a video lottery operation licensee to have access to the central monitor and control system that allows the licensee to obtain information pertinent to the legitimate operation of a video lottery facility.
- (d) Only a person with a video lottery operation license issued under this subtitle may offer a video lottery terminal and table games for public use in the State under this subtitle.

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